

ORDINANCE NO. 149-07

BY: **MARY GALINAS**
(By Request – Law Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 145.135 ENTITLED
“SWAT TEAM MEDICS; CARRYING OF SIDEARMS” OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Parma presently has Parma Paramedics assigned from the Parma Fire Department to serve as medical support to the Parma SWAT team; and,

WHEREAS, this team of paramedics, referred to as SWAT Team Medics, is required to make entries with the Parma SWAT tactical officers and during callouts; and,

WHEREAS, these individuals, both SWAT and SWAT Medics, are faced with extreme danger and uncertainty as they perform their official duties; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma is desirous of taking all steps necessary in order to protect these individuals as they perform their official duties as Parma SWAT and SWAT Medics; and,

WHEREAS, one means of protecting the SWAT Team Medics is to enable the members to carry a sidearm/firearm while making SWAT Team entries and during all callouts; and,

WHEREAS, the duties of the SWAT Team Medic are incident to the performance of his duties as a paramedic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 145.135 “SWAT Team Medics; Carrying of Sidearms” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma is hereby enacted to read as follows:

“145.135 SWAT TEAM MEDICS; CARRYING OF SIDEARMS.

a. All Parma Paramedics who are assigned by the Chief of the Parma Fire Department (Chief) to serve as medical support to the Parma SWAT Team shall be permitted to carry a sidearm/firearm while making entries with the Parma SWAT tactical officers and during callouts.

b. The Parma Police Department through its Chief of Police shall be responsible for the issuance of a departmental firearm to those SWAT Medics who successfully complete all training requirements as set forth by Ordinance.

c. Upon selection as a SWAT Medic, and prior to the issuance of a City of Parma Police Department assigned firearm, the member shall attend and pass firearms qualification training as provided by the Parma Police Department (PPD) and pursuant to PPD guidelines.

d. Upon selection as a SWAT Medic, and prior to the issuance of a City of Parma Police Department assigned firearm, the member shall complete a use of force training pursuant to Parma Police Department guidelines.

e. Upon selection as a SWAT Medic, and prior to the issuance of a City of Parma Police Department assigned firearm, the member shall complete field training with a Parma Police Officer pursuant to Parma Police Department guidelines.

f. All members of the SWAT Medic Team shall be required to attend and pass firearms qualification testing on an annual basis.

g. The members of the SWAT Medic Team shall only be permitted to carry their department issued firearms while making entries with the Parma SWAT Team tactical officers and during callouts."

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to protect the Parma Medics assigned to assist the members of the Parma SWAT Team as they respond to emergencies and callouts, and this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO